

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicant, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, submits the following amendments to the Specification:

Please *substitute* the attached SEQUENCE LISTING for that of the international application. No new matter has been added.

Kindly *insert* the following two paragraphs after the Title on page 1:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to DNA methylation, and more specifically to the compositions and methods for determining DNA methylation status of the DD3 (aka PCA3) gene, and to diagnostic and prognostic assays relating to cell proliferative disorders, and in particular to cancer (*e.g.*, prostate cellular proliferative disorders and prostate cancer).

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority to International application number PCT/EP2003/006690, filed June 25, 2003 and published as WO 2004/005543, and to German application number DE 102 30 692.3, filed July 8, 2002, both of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.--